

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
MANAGING PREFERRED WEB SITE ) Examiner:  
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

Judy J. Kogut-O'Connell, Ryan S. Carrington, Jackie L. Hill, Catherine Ng, and Ann T. Storms declare and say that:

1. We are the inventors of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application.
2. We conceived in the United States the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to May 5, 1999 and then reduced the invention to practice in the United States prior to May 5, 1999.
3. As evidence in support of this prior conception and reduction to practice, submitted herewith is the following evidence of activity done in the United States.
  - (a) Exhibit A is Lotus Freelance Presentation that describes the features of a procurement-oriented embodiment of the invention (Web-Key) in support of conception prior to May 5, 1999. Page 1 of Exhibit A generally defines the invention tool including

an Intranet site of Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), links from the listing of URLs to the corresponding websites, and operation facilitation independent of a system user's running application as recited in independent claims 1, 5, and 9 of the application. Page 2 of Exhibit A describes the advantages of the invention, including consistency in communicating new websites, as well as updating, maintaining, and deleting websites. Page 2 of Exhibit A also specifies a repository of the websites made immediately accessible to new employees and a user interface as recited in independent claims 1, 5, and 9 of the application.

(b) Exhibit B is an email from co-inventor, Jackie Hill, which was forwarded by co-inventor, Ann Storms, both of which pre-date May 5, 1999. The subject email relates to a proposed draft of an announcement for the Web-key invention. This email further describes the elements of the invention as claimed in Applicants' independent claims 1, 5, and 9 of the application. This email supports conception and reduction to practice prior to May 5, 1999. The applicants submit that, collectively, Exhibits A and B clearly demonstrate conception and reduction to practice prior to May 5, 1999.

4. The undersigned declare that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 101 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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